

number three I would say, let me read the quote from George Hansen. Mr. Hansen said on the floor of this House: "It is impossible to have religious freedom in any Nation where churches are licensed to the government. That is the point." That is the point. When the churches and synagogues in this country were given a 501(c)3 status, there was no restriction at all. I have researched this issue, no restriction at all on speech; nothing. It was Lyndon Baines Johnson that put the Federal Government into our churches and synagogues.

Myth number four is H.R. 2357 is not constitutional. Let me say to those again that raise that bogus argument, this is constitutional. Everything that I have ever read from being a student in high school to a college student to being an older man, that the first amendment applies to each and everyone and that means our preachers, our priests, and rabbis. In fact, in 1830, when Alex De Toqueville came to America and he was so impressed with this great, beautiful country that God had blessed with natural beauty, and he was excited about the New Republic and this freedom we would have in this country, what he said, Mr. Speaker, when he traveled America was, what impressed him the most was the flame in the pulpit. Mr. Speaker, we know for sure that until the Johnson amendment that the churches, synagogues, and mosques had no restrictions of speech.

So, Mr. Speaker, I close this way with a couple of comments. Mr. Hansen was right. It is impossible to have religious freedom in any Nation where churches are licensed to the government. The IRS testified on May 14 they cannot even enforce this law; and yet we have certain groups in this country that intentionally send out letters to intimidate a lot of our pastors, priests, and rabbis. I believe, Mr. Speaker, with our men and women in uniform fighting today and at this very moment for this country, trying to protect our national security and protect our constitutional rights, and one of those is the freedom of speech and the freedom of participation, then our spiritual leaders should not be handcuffed. If this Nation is going to remain morally strong, Mr. Speaker, our spiritual leaders must talk about the issues of the day that they think are important, whether they be cultural issues or moral issues or political issues; and sometimes they intertwine, quite frankly.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am very hopeful that this bill will be debated sometime this week, and I certainly hope that the House will join me in passing this legislation. That will be the first step of restoring the First Amendment right to our spiritual leaders.

I close this way because I close this way every time I speak, whether it be in my district, here on the floor, or anywhere throughout, because I feel that this time that we are in as a Na-

tion that, first of all, I have three military bases in my district. I have Camp LeJeune, I have Cherry Point Marine Air Station, New River Marine Base, and also Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. So I close, Mr. Speaker, by asking God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the American citizen. I ask God to please bless the men and women who serve in the House and the Senate, that we might do what is right in God's eyes. I ask God to please bless the President of the United States as he has many tough days and many tough decisions to make.

I close finally this way, Mr. Speaker, by saying three times, please, God, please, God, please God, continue to bless America.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by Speaker pro tempore JAMES HANSEN on September 27, 2002.

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

On September 30, 2002, Speaker pro tempore MAC THORNBERRY signed the following bill.

H.R. 1646. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2003, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1325. An act to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, October 1, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9411. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Carlton W.

Fulford, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9412. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Daniel R. Zanini, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9413. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Quality of Health Care Furnished under the Defense Health Program During FY 2001"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9414. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Special Information Sharing Procedures To Deter Money Laundering and Terrorist Activity (RIN: 1506-AA27) received September 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9415. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Anti-Money Laundering Requirements — Correspondent Accounts for Foreign Shell Banks; Recordkeeping and Termination of Correspondent Accounts for Foreign Banks (RIN: 1505-AA87) received September 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9416. A letter from the Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations — Requirement that Casinos and Card Clubs Report Suspicious Transactions (RIN: 1506-AA22) received September 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9417. A letter from the Senior Paralegal (Regulations), Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity Act; Preemption [Docket No. 2002-43] (RIN: 1550-AB51) received September 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9418. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation; Georgia Transportation Conformity State Implementation Plan Memorandum of Agreement for the Atlanta Metropolitan Area [GA-200228(a); FRL-7382-2] received September 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9419. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Correction of Implementation Plans; California [CA083-FRL-7376-2] received September 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9420. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [LA-61-2-7566; FRL-7382-7] received September 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9421. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental